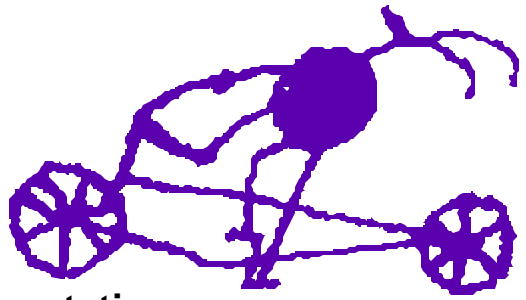


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TRB Transportation Security

The Transportation Research Board has established a new web page on transportation security. This website, which is being sponsored by the TRB Task Force on Critical Infrastructure Protection, will continue to be expanded as more information becomes available.

<http://www.itsa.org/itsnews.nsf/key/64F2?OpenDocument>

Online TDM Encyclopedia

The Victoria Transport Policy Institute has created an online encyclopedia for transportation professionals. This is a unique and comprehensive resource to help identify and evaluate innovative solutions to transportation problems. The Encyclopedia has more than 75 chapters with hundreds of pages of text and thousands of Internet links. It is available free at <http://www.vtpi.org/tdm>

To go directly to the chapter on Nonmotorized Transportation, Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements, click below.

<http://www.vtpi.org/tdm/tdm25.htm>

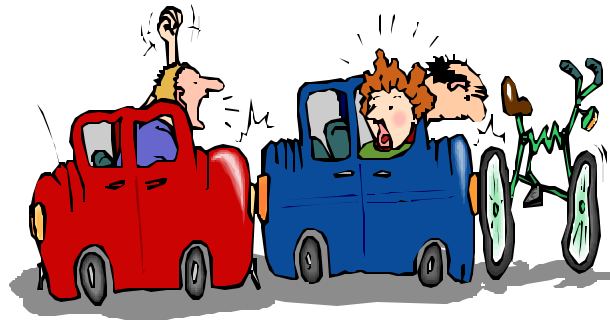
Bicycle Quote

"Nothing compares to the simple pleasures of a bike ride."

John F. Kennedy

MCDOT Bicycle Program Web Page

www.mcdot.maricopa.gov/Bicycle/index.htm



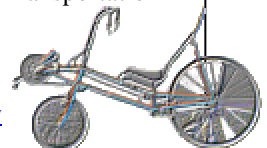
City Cycling is Coming...

Feasibility studies of the urban cycling

This Helsinki, Finland, study shows that one out of every six trips in the downtown area is by bicycle. The surveys that were taken have some interesting information about what types of facilities are preferred by cyclists and pedestrians. While most cyclists liked the separate, two-way paths, there are still serious safety issues associated with them. Look carefully at the chart on the web page that shows the types of accidents. Not surprisingly, the typical collision is when a driver turning to the right looks only to the left for vehicles and does not observe cyclists coming from the right. While you're on the web site, check out the BePolite traffic control signals.

<http://www.hel.fi/ksv/entire/repCityCyclingFinalReport.htm>

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Walk to School Day 2001

School kids in Mesa, Tempe, Scottsdale, and Phoenix will join millions of children and adults in 20 countries as they walk to school on Tuesday, October 2, 2001.

In 1997, the Partnership for a Walkable America sponsored the first National Walk Our Children to School Day in Chicago. Originally, it was simply a day to bring community leaders and children together to make a community more walkable. By the year 2000, children, parents, teachers, and community leaders in 47 states joined 2 million walkers around the world to celebrate the first International Walk to School Day.

"Whether your concern is safer and improved streets, healthier habits, or cleaner air, Walk to School Day events are aimed at bringing forth permanent change to encourage a more walkable America - one community at a time..."

For more information on the U.S. event, visit: <http://www.walktoschool-usa.org/>

Bikes Provide Transportation for Homeless

Shifting Gears, one of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's programs for disadvantaged teens, has been providing bicycles to homeless individuals who need transportation to new jobs. The program features an after school bike maintenance and repair course where bike-savvy volunteers use broken bicycles donated to the Society to give the teens a hands-on learning experience. At the end of the course, each teen gets to keep one of the bicycles he or she repaired, and the balance of the bikes go to homeless individuals to help meet their transportation needs.

A comfortable way to ride.



This recumbent rider was spotted enjoying a cool fall morning on one of our local county roads.

To help support this program, don't miss the St. Vincent de Paul Used Bike Auction and Sale, coming up on November 3rd. Gently used and newly repaired adult and children's bikes will be auctioned off, including brands like Trek, Specialized, Raleigh, and Giant. Bicycles will be on display starting at 10 a.m., and bidding will begin at 11 a.m. A Bike Repair Clinic and Safety Seminar will be offered as well. One new, donated bicycle will be given away in a raffle. Bring your children, as face painters, clowns, and balloons will help to make this a family affair. The event is free (although the raffle is not), and is expected to conclude by noon. Location is 420 West Watkins in Phoenix.

For more information on the auction or the Shifting Gears Program, please call 602-261-6884.

Outlook on Life

I look at life as one long bicycle ride. The most important concept is to keep pedaling, because once you get off, the ride is over. Some days will feature long, easy downhills. Others will have major climbs. Sometimes other riders will join you. Often you will ride alone. On special days, you get to ride in tandem with someone extraordinary. There will be obstacles on the road, tires will go flat, and the route may not always be clear. Treat these events as minor inconveniences and keep pedaling. Maximize the special days.

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